

REMARKS

In a Final Office Action dated February 23, 2007, Claims 2-10, 22 and 25-33 were rejected under U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0083266 issued to Comstock et al. ("Comstock") and Claims 11-21, 23-24, 32, and 34-46 have been rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Comstock in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0205213 issued to Paz et al. ("Paz"). Applicant has reviewed Examiner's remarks and rejections, but respectfully disagrees on the grounds presented below.

Claims 2-10, 22, and 25-33

Independent Claim 2 now includes language pertaining to processing and transmitting control signals to and from the plurality of workstations. Comstock does not discuss processing and transmitting control signals such as keyboard and cursor control signals. Comstock does not show each and every element of Claim 2. Withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 2 is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 depends on independent Claim 2 and include all of the elements of Claim 2. Comstock does not mention power supply in the publication. Applicant does not understand how a media role management system controls power of remote devices when there is no discussion of the issue in the publication. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 2 and Claim 4, withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 4 is respectfully requested.

Claim 6 depends on independent Claim 2 and include all of the elements of Claim 2. Comstock does not mention a power supply port controlling the power source in the plurality of workstations anywhere in the publication. Applicant does not understand

how a media role management system controls power of remote devices when there is no discussion of the issue in the publication.

Claims 3, 5, 7-10, 22, 25 and 26 each depend on independent Claim 2 and include all of the elements of Claim 2. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 2, withdrawal of the rejections for Claims 5-10, 22, 25 and 26 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 27 now includes language pertaining to receiving and transmitting control signals. Comstock does not discuss receiving and transmitting control signals such as keyboard and cursor control signals. Comstock does not show each and every element of Claim 27. Withdrawal of the rejection for Claim 27 is respectfully requested.

Claims 28-31 and 33 each depend on independent Claim 27 and include all of the elements of Claim 27. For the reasons discussed above with respect to Claim 27, withdrawal of the rejections for Claims 28-31 and 33 is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-21, 23-24, 32 and 34-46

Claims 11-21 and 23-24 depend on independent Claim 2 and includes all of the elements of Claim 2. Paz does not make obvious any of the elements not shown in Comstock as discussed above with respect to Claim 2. Paz does not discuss processing, receiving or transmitting of control signals. For the reasons discussed above, withdrawal of the rejections for Claims 11-18 is respectfully requested.

Claims 32 and 34-46 depend on independent Claim 27 and include all of the elements of Claim 27. Paz does not make obvious any of the elements not shown in Comstock as discussed above with respect to Claims 2 and 27. For the reasons discussed

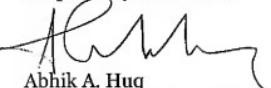
above with respect to Claims 2 and 27, withdrawal of the rejections for Claim Claims 32 and 34-46 is respectfully requested.

Correspondence and Fees

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